

My name is Julia G Slaughter, and I'm writing to ask you to vote no on HB 5263. Rabbits are seen as pets and beloved animals, not farm products. The proof is there: due to public demand, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling bred rabbits, instead only displaying rabbits for adoption, just like cats and dogs. Whole Foods and other specialty stores have stopped selling rabbit meat because the demand just isn't there. Even the multi-million dollar cosmetics industry is moving away from testing on animals like rabbits because so many people care to shop cruelty free, to spare the animals they see as pets the pain of testing.

To be straightforward, as someone in the millennial generation, I've never heard of anyone I personally know that is my age or younger eating rabbit meat. I truly think most younger people feel that is ghastly and akin to eating dogs and cats. Therefore, what is being proposed would be seen as inhumane and the market just wouldn't be there. Let us keep Connecticut moving forward, to be seen as a progressive state for the humane treatment of animals.

Please vote no on this proposition, HB 5263, for the sake of the humane treatment of rabbits. Thank you.

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